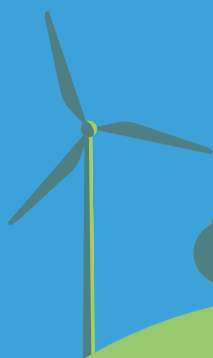


The EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL and needed actions for the building, wood, furniture and forestry and building materials industries.

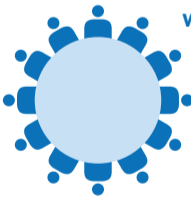


Our main call for action

For our industries to become climate neutral, we need an ambitious **EGD action plan** that covers the following 10 action points:



- 1** European, national, regional and local **trade unions** need to be consulted on the design and implementation of economic, employment and social policies of the EGD aspects as the European environmental ambitions will heavily impact workers in our industries.
- 2** A full involvement of trade unions in a **structured sectoral social dialogue** at the various levels should be guaranteed. This is essential to define joined-up policies whose implementation will ensure that the circular economy is applied.
- 3** **No workers are left behind**, with particular attention to the low skilled workers, women, migrants, youngsters and older workers. In the context of just transition, workers should have a right to retraining and/or mediation towards other jobs or industries. A basic digital and environmental training should be guaranteed to all workers.
- 4** Special attention should be paid to the **health and safety of workers**, especially regarding new manufacturing systems, toxicity, resource processing methods, work with new (raw) materials and waste.
- 5** A **fair and sustainable transition process** should be guaranteed. The shift to the circular economy should not pose social justice problems for workers, in particular for micro and small enterprises.



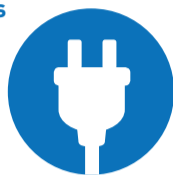
6 A financial safety net should be available to support vulnerable workers, who risk being pushed out of the labour market. These workers risk losing their jobs and being confronted with occupational health and safety hazards and other transition risks.



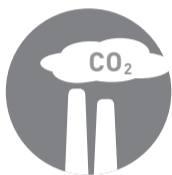
7 Further specifications are needed on how money from the **Just Transition Mechanism** will be distributed among different sectors and regions. Workers shouldn't bear the burden of financing the transition towards green and circular industries.

8 National paritarian training funds for our industries should be created and managed exclusively by the national social partners. In order to ensure a **fair distribution of the expenses**, all companies need to provide a financial contribution to such schemes. The funding should be according to the size of a company.

9 The EFBWW demands that the EU should step up its efforts to **eradicate energy poverty**, ensuring that affordable renewable energy is available to low-income and poor end-users in buildings. Energy poverty should be specifically tackled through the EPBD.



10 The current system of **emission allowances** for energy-intensive industries should be evaluated. The EFBWW considers that the core objective of any proposal should be that an importer to the EU market faces the same CO₂ costs as an EU domestic producer.



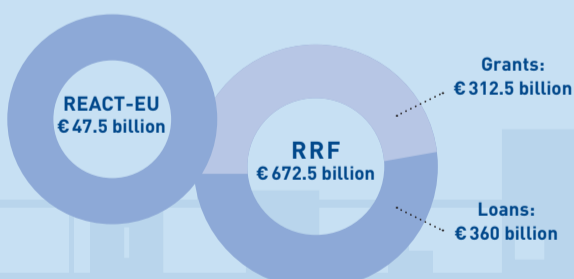
The COVID-19 pandemic has plunged Europe into a deep social and economic crisis. Today the world looks very different. The European Green Deal should be the starting point for the economic relaunch and just transition of the construction, wood, forestry and related industries.

A “greener” and more sustainable Europe will create many new opportunities for our industries, but also many challenges. To guarantee a just transition the EFBWW insists on being actively involved in all stages and all discussions related to the European Green Deal.

The 10 billion euros available from the Just Transition Fund in the COVID-19 recovery deal are far from being enough, but could be used in our industries:

- for green and digital transition needs for our workers,
- for upskilling and reskilling our workers,
- for investments in the deployment of technology and infrastructures for affordable clean energy and housing,
- for investments in greenhouse gas emission reduction,
- for energy efficiency, renewable energy,
- for innovation.

To double the annual renovation rate of existing building stock the **Renovation Wave** should be ensured as a priority under the **Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) (€672.5 billion)** and **REACT-EU (€47.5 billion)** programmes, with specifically designed national recovery plans within the European Semester and the national energy and climate plans (NECPs).



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